

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows and without prejudice. This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer method for issuing at least one of a fidelity

bond and a surety bond comprising:

storing underwriting data so as to be accessible by at least one computer processor;

storing data indicative of at least one of fidelity and surety bond customers so as to be accessible by said at least one computer processor;

inputting data indicative of at least one fidelity or surety bond to be issued and being associated with one of said bond customers;

automatically calculating a premium for the at least one fidelity or surety bond to be issued based on the input data and the underwriting data in response to a request ~~therefore~~ therefor;

storing data indicative of images of a plurality of pre-defined bond forms so as to be accessible by said at least one computer processor;

selecting a sub-set of the data indicative of images of a plurality of pre-defined bond forms dependently upon the inputted data; and

automatically rendering the at least one fidelity or surety bond to be issued using said data indicative of bond customers, said selected data indicative of images of a plurality of pre-defined forms, and calculated premium in response to a request ~~therefore~~ therefor;

wherein data indicative of said insurance underwriting instrument is automatically stored so as to be accessible to said at least one computer processor.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED)

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of Claim 1, wherein said inputting comprises presenting at least one electronic document to a user via a browser functionality of software running on a microprocessor based device, and communicating data input to said software by said user to said at least one computer processor.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of Claim 1, further comprising automatically calculating a premium for at least one alternative insurance underwriting instrument having at least one characteristic differing from said insurance underwriting instrument.

5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of Claim 1, further comprising automatically storing said input data.

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

providing data indicative of images of a plurality of insurance underwriting instruments;
wherein said rendering comprises selecting one of said instruments dependently upon said input data; and
uses at least a portion of said data indicative of images of said plurality of underwriting instruments being associated with said selected one of said instruments.

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